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## **AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT DIRECTOR'S CALL**

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – One medal and 19 awards were presented to employees at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate recently.

1st Lt. Abigael Carstetter received the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Individual civilian second-quarter awards included Christina Osmon, as winner in the scientist and engineer category, Dennis Galloway in program management, Melissa McCarthy in supervisory, Linda Lamberson in leadership, and Loretta Chavez in junior mission support.

Third-quarter recipients were Dr. Rao Gudemetia in the scientist and engineer category, Dr. Kim Luu in senior program management, Mark Cruz in supervisory, Alfred Lee in senior mission support, Cynthia Towne in junior mission support, and Mary Johnston in administrative excellence.

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Team second-quarter awards were also presented for exceptional contributions: the mission support teamwork award was presented to the Electromagnetic Effects Research and Development Team, with members Mark Cruz, Gail Hamblet, Susan Thorpe, and Paul Trybus. The AMOS Hula/Anomaly Resolution Team received the technical teamwork award. The Director's Special Recognition award was presented to the 2006 Directed Energy Systems Symposium Support Team, with members Master Sgt. Steven Tuss, Tech Sgt. Brian Hierl, Staff Sgt. Justin Frazier, Senior Airmen Matt Collingridge and Anthony Thurmond, Airmen 1<sup>st</sup> Class Dustin Borden and Tyson Seay, Jorge Beraun, David Loomis, Jennifer Manning, and Robert Roybal.

For the third quarter, the Maui (Hawaii) team won the technology transfer achievement award with team members Capts. Heather Ginsburgh and Tom Jost, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts. Ben Karlow and Jill Watson, Drs. Keith Knox and Jim Riker, Dave Archambeault, Mike Baumann, Rob Brem, Flow Cid, Tom Glesne, Randy Goebbert, Jeff Houchard, Peter Konohia, John Mooney, Rob Medrano, Catherine Oles, Janki Patel, Roger Russell, Steve Spencer, and Darius Vunck. The Laser Clearinghouse Demonstration Team won the mission support teamwork award, comprised of members Capt. Brad Austin, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Alex Bohnert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Buddy Johns, Senior Airman Christopher Hawley, Gary Freeland, Christina Osman, Randy Robinson, and Bob Wilmot. In technical teamwork, members Spencer Campbell, Linda DeHainaut, Dr. Lawrence Grimes, Linda Lamberson, Megan Melin, Paul Merritt, John Milligan, Dog Rigdon, Phillip Silvia, Marion Sorge, William Thompson, and Ken Yates of the High Energy Laser on a Large Tactical Platform Team received the award.

Terry Franks won the Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year award, and the Safety and Environmental Compliance Team won the Air Force Directed Energy Weapons Safety Outstanding Achievement Award.